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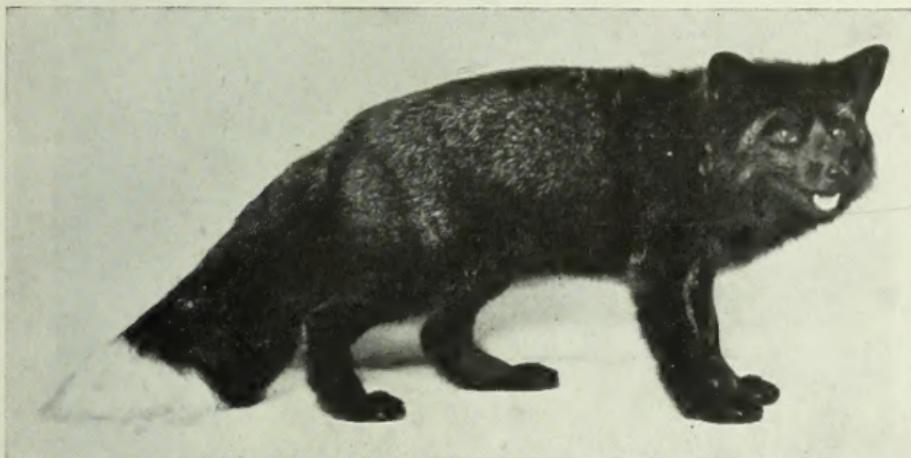
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ROYAL WINTER FAIR

**Canadian Silver Fox
Breeders' Association**

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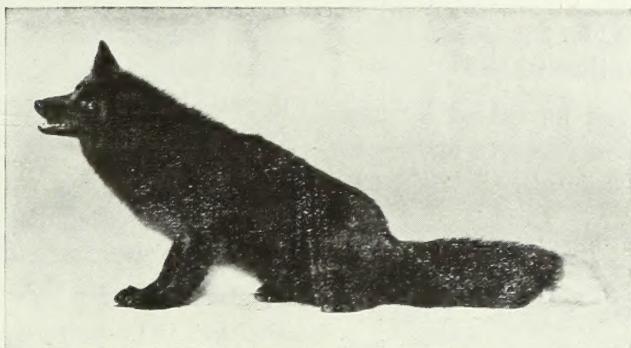
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FACTS OF INTEREST

The information contained in this little folder is purely educational. It answers a few of the questions most frequently asked in regard to the silver fox industry. We, of course, do not attempt to cover the entire field herein, and for further information we would refer the reader to the list of authentic publications contained on the last sheet of this pamphlet.

HISTORY

1. Silver Fox Farming started in Can-

ada about 1890. About 1898 it began to develop into a profitable business.

2. Fur farms are now found in all the provinces of the Dominion. Wonderful opportunities await the fur farmer in Canada, as the room for expansion and development is so tremendous in this newest branch of the Canadian Live Stock Industry.

3. It is conservatively estimated that the revenue received from fur farming in Canada is \$3,500,000 annually, of which over \$3,000,000.00 is derived from Silver Black Foxes.



4. Only one lady in every one hundred thousand owns a Silver Fox fur today. Who is going to supply the other 99,999?

5. Silver Foxes can be raised by any one who is accustomed to the care and management of other live animals.

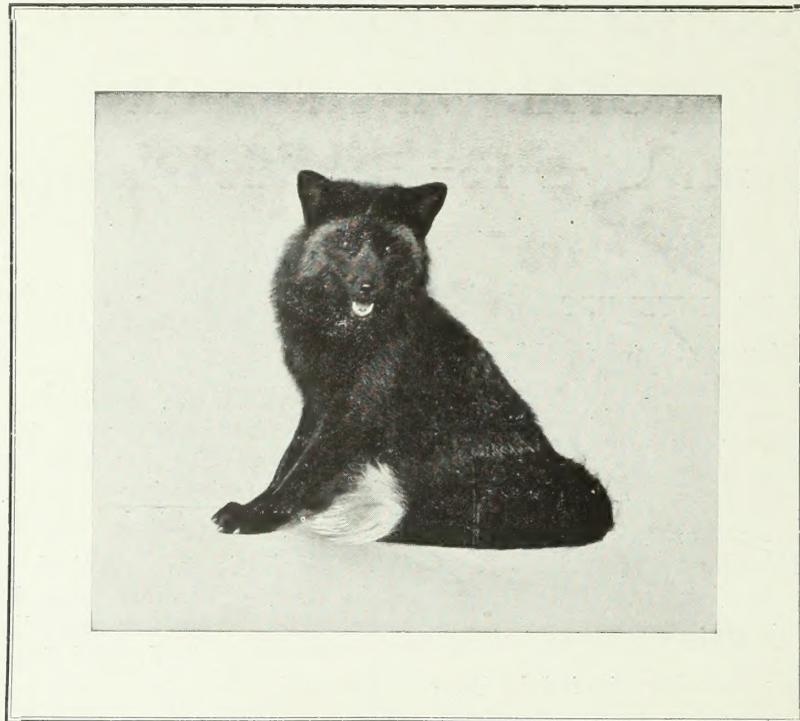
6. Foxes are raised in ranches of specially constructed wire pens.

7. Foxes breed once a year. They are generally mated in pairs, one male and one female, and the mating period is during the months of January, February, March and April.

12. The usual breeding pen comprises an area of approximately 20 x 30 ft. square. The average cost of construction complete is about \$100.00 per pen. Fur ranches may be built either in the open or in the woods.

13. Foxes are usually in the prime condition of fur during the months of November, December, and January, and are pelted during those months.

14. The pelts are usually sold through Auction Fur Sales houses in Montreal and Winnipeg, Canada; London, England; New York and St. Louis, U. S. A.; or through large wholesale furriers.



8. The period of gestation is about fifty two days. The litters usually run from one to eight pups. The average number of pups raised to maturity is 100 per cent. production.

9. The average breeding life of a fox is about eight years.

10. The average cost of feed and care for a pair of Foxes and their pups for a year is approximately \$100.00.

11. Foxes are omnivorous animals. The following however generally constitute the diet: Meat, Milk, Eggs, Bread, Biscuit, other Cereals, and Fish.

15. There is always a keen demand for good, well furred, clear coloured skins at very attractive prices.

16. There is also a ready market for good, individual, registered Foxes for breeding purposes.

THE CANADIAN SILVER FOX BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Incorporated in 1920 under the Live Stock Pedigree Act of Canada

This Association is under the direct supervision of the Live Stock Branch of the

Department of Agriculture, Ottawa. The registration records are kept in the office of the Canadian National Live Stock Records at Ottawa.

OBJECTS

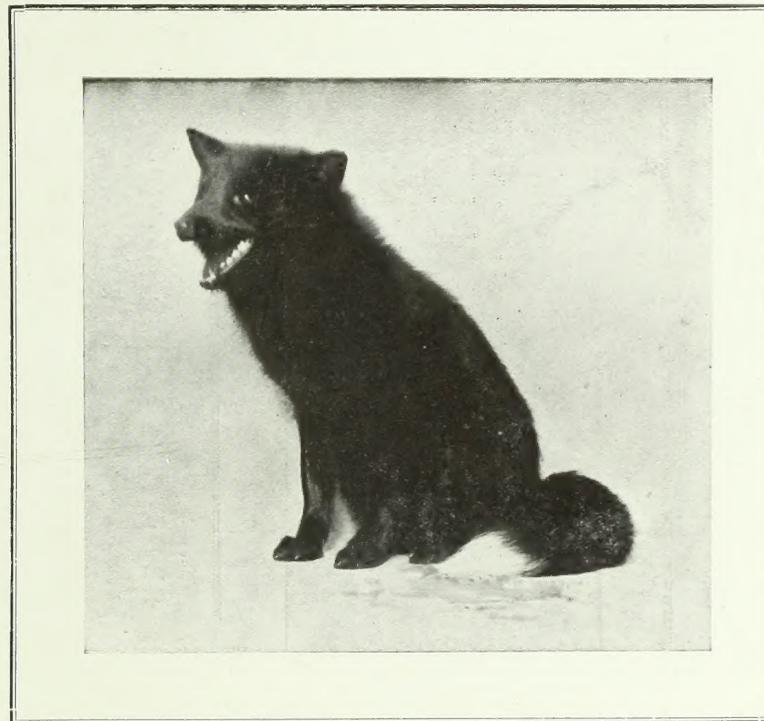
The Association shall have for its object the encouragement, development and regulation among its members of the raising of pure bred Silver Foxes in Canada.

1. By keeping a record of the breeding and origin of all Foxes held in captivity by members of the Association, and by collecting, preserving, and publishing data and documents relating to the same.

Foxes are subject to a yearly reinspection, and are rejected on reinspection if they do not keep up to the standard under which they were originally registered.

Individuals, partnerships, voluntary associations, and incorporated companies resident in Canada, who are owners of at least one pure bred Silver Fox, are eligible for membership in the Canadian Silver Fox Breeders Association.

Prospective fur farmers should purchase only registered Foxes for their foundation stock, because these animals have been inspected by an official inspector of the Live Stock Branch of the Agricultural De-



2. By establishing standards of breeding, and by carrying out a system of registration for its members.

3. By adopting means from time to time for the protection of its members engaged in propagation and breeding of pure bred Silver Foxes in compliance with the Live Stock Pedigree Act, or any regulations or by-laws thereunder.

4. By maintaining an efficient inspection among members of the Association to prevent, detect, and punish fraud.

5. By compiling statistics of the industry, and furnishing official and authentic information in regard thereto.

partment of Canada, and the registration initials and numbers, which must correspond to the numbers in the registration certificates, are tattooed in their ears for purposes of identification. The fact that all registered animals have to undergo a very searching inspection by a qualified Government official is a safeguard, and an assurance to the purchaser that he is getting animals of superior quality. Every fox rancher in Canada should become a member of this Association which is bending every effort towards the improvement of the quality of Silver Foxes, and which will tend to uphold the reputation of Canadian Foxes as the finest specimens of their kind in the world.

LIST OF AUTHENTIC PUBLICATIONS

The Silver Fox Industry, its History and its Place in Commerce.

Canadian Silver Fox Breeder's Association

Fox Farming in Canada

Commission of Conservation

The Food Requirements of the Ranch Bred Fox

Dr. G. Ennis Smith

Fur Trade Journal of Canada

Oshawa, Ont.

The Black Fox Magazine

New York

Fox Ranching in Canada

by Drs. Allen and Smith
